

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

## ***American Jobs Creation Act Will Benefit Farmers and Ranchers***

Dear Colleague:

We support the *American Jobs Creation Act (HR 2896)* as solidly pro-farmer. This legislation provides numerous important benefits to our nation's farmers and ranchers.

First, enacting this bill prevents the European Union from retaliating against American agriculture and using our FSC/ETI program against American farmers in trade negotiations.

Second, farmers with C corporations will get tax rate cuts, either as small businesses or as producers. They will also benefit from a two year extension of the special small business expensing provisions Congress passed last spring. These benefits are in addition to the over \$1 trillion in tax rate reductions, estate tax relief and investment incentives Congress has made available to individual farmers during the past three years.

Third, HR 2896 will address a number of long-standing farm tax problems:

- It prevents income averaging from forcing farmers into the alternative minimum tax;
- Drought-stricken livestock producers will have an additional two years in which to reinvest in livestock;
- Family farms operated as S corporations will be allowed to have more shareholders and to include three generations in a family as a single shareholder, easing the transmission of a farm between generations;
- Farm cooperatives will be relieved of a triple tax on their income, benefiting their farmer patrons; and
- Timber owners will be able to get capital gains treatment without having to retain an interest in harvested timber.

HR 2896 has the support of a variety of agricultural organizations, including the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Cotton Council, the National Milk Producers Federation, the National Grain Trade Council, Western Growers Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and farmer cooperatives from across the nation (**please see list on reverse**). We hope you will join these organizations in supporting the bill.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
J.D. HAYWORTH  
Member of Congress

  
DAVE CAMP  
Member of Congress

  
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Member of Congress

## **AMERICAN AGRICULTURE SUPPORTS *AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT!***

**Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon  
Agricultural Council of California  
American Crystal Sugar Company  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers  
Apricot Producers of California  
Blue Diamond Growers  
CALCOT  
California Asparagus Commission  
California Canning Peach Association  
California Desert Grapegrowers Association  
California Citrus Mutual  
California Olive Association  
California Tomato Commission  
Cargill  
CHS  
CoBank  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Diamond of California  
Dole Food Company  
Gromark, Inc.  
Land O'Lakes  
Mid Columbia Producers, Inc.  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Grain Trade Council  
National Milk Producers Federation  
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.  
Pro-Fac Cooperative  
Southern States Cooperative  
Sun Sweet Growers  
Sunkist Growers  
Tanimura and Antle  
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
U.S. Sugar Industry (representing cane and beet growers and processors in the United States)  
Western Pistachio Association**